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SUBJ: CHUCK CONNORS' VISIT: WRAP-UP REPORT

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1. CHUCK CONNORS' VISIT TO SOVIET UNION CONCLUDED DECEMBER 9. CONNORS' PROGRAM WAS ARRANGED BY GOSKINO (STATE COMMITTEE OF CINEMATOGRAPHY), HIS HOST, AND INCLUDED VISITS TO CINEMATOGRAPHIC INSTITUTIONS IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD, INCLUDING MOSFILM AND LENFILM, AND VISIT TO CITY AND BATTLEFIELD MOUNMENTS IN VOTOOOAD, FORMERLY STALINGRAD. CONNORS' TRIP WAS FILMED BY CAMERA CREW FROM GOSKINO UNDER DIRECTION OF LARRY STEWART WHO HAS CONNORS UNDER EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT FOR FILMS. FOOTAGE WILL BE MADE INTO TV SPECIAL WHICH STEWART WILL ATTEMPT MARKET TO MAJOR NETWORKS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTORS LATE NEXT SPRING. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING FILM CREW, GOSKINO ALSO ARRANGED FOR FOOTAGE OF BATTLE OF STALINGRAD AND STOCK FOOTAGE ON LENINGRAD TO BE INCLUDED IN TV SPECIAL.

2. CONNORS HELD PRESS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 7 FOR RESIDENT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS AND RUSSIAN JOURNALISTS. ABOUT EIGHT AMERICAN JOURNALISTS AND A CORRESPONDENT FROM MOSCOW'S LITERARY GAZETTE ATTENDED. HIGH POINT OF TRIP FOR UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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CONNORS WAS HOUR AND A HALF INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV ON THE 7TH (SEE REFTTEL). AT TIME

OF INTERVIEW CONNORS DID NOT MAKE FORMAL OFFER OF FILMS
"GERONIMO" AND "RIDE BEYOND VENGEANCE," ALTHOUGH HE
MENTIONED IN PASSING TO BREZHNEV THAT HE WISHED TO GIVE
THEM. PLEASE CONTACT CONNORS AGENT HALL BLOCK TO GET
THEIR INTENTIONS. WE WILL HOLD FILMS UNTIL WORD FROM
YOU IS RECEIVED.

3. EMBASSY HELD RECEPTION IN HONOR OF CONNORS DECEMBER 6
AT SPASO HOUSE AND SHOWED FILM "RIDE BEYOND VENGEANCE" TO
AUDIENCE OF 150 SOVIETS INCLUDING MANY IMPORTANT FIGURES
FROM MOSCOW'S FILM WORLD. MELENCAMP

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